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1 **CLAIMS:**

2 What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for selecting classes using a browser for
2 use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the
3 method comprising:4 providing through the browser, an interface in which
5 the interface allows for selection of classes for use by
6 the virtual machine;7 receiving a selection of classes through the
8 interface; and9 storing the selection of classes, wherein the
10 selection of classes is used by the browser when
11 initializing the virtual machine.1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface is a
2 graphical user interface.1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual machine
2 is a Java virtual machine.1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 using the selection of the classes to initialize the
3 virtual machine.1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing
2 the selection of classes comprises storing the selection
3 of classes in a user profile.

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1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of
2 classes is a class path.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of
2 classes causes a class path to be appended a system class
3 path.

1 8. A method for selecting classes for use by a Java
2 virtual machine associated with a browser, the method
3 comprising:

4 displaying a graphical user interface in which a
5 classpath may be selected to define classes for use with
6 the Java virtual machine;

7 receiving a selection of the classpath from the
8 graphical user interface;

9 storing the selection of the classpath; and

10 initializing the Java virtual machine using the
11 selection of the class path.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the selection of the
2 classpath appends the classpath to a system classpath.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the system class path
2 has an end and wherein the classpath is appended to the
3 end of the system classpath.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the system classpath
2 has a beginning and wherein the classpath is appended to
3 a beginning of the system classpath.

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1 12. A data processing system for selecting classes using
2 a browser for use by a virtual machine in the data
3 processing system, the data processing system comprising:
4 providing means for providing through the browser an
5 interface in which the interface allows for selection of
6 classes for use by the virtual machine;
7 receiving means for receiving a selection of classes
8 through the interface; and
9 storing means for storing the selection of classes,
10 wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser
11 when initializing the virtual machine.

1 13. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the
2 interface is a graphical user interface.

1 14. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the
2 virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.

1 15. The data processing system of claim 12 further
2 comprising:
3 means for using the selection of the classes to
4 initialize the virtual machine.

1 16. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the
2 step of storing the selection of classes comprises
3 storing the selection of classes in a user profile.

1 17. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the
2 selection of classes is a classpath.

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1 18. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the
2 selection of classes causes a classpath to be appended a
3 system class path.

1 19. A computer program product in a computer readable
2 medium for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual
3 machine associated with a browser, the computer program
4 product comprising:

5 first instructions for displaying a graphical user
6 interface in which a classpath may be selected to define
7 classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

8 second instructions for receiving a selection of the
9 classpath from the graphical user interface;

10 third instructions for storing the selection of the
11 classpath; and

12 fourth instructions for initializing the Java
13 virtual machine using the selection of the classpath.